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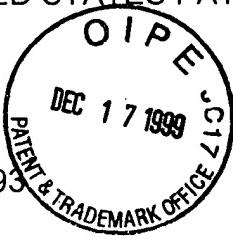
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In re application of:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-37 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims to the application.

--38. A method for selecting OR or OL operator DNA sequences from

D lambda phages wherein said sequences have a different thermostability compared to a wild-type sequence with regard to binding a repressor, comprising

B (a) preparing a DNA cassette which contains a selection gene under the operative control of an expression control sequence comprising at least one OR or OL operator DNA sequence from a lambda phage and a promoter,